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11-40 a.m. SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Sir, a petition by the Adivasis Kisan Sangham was also given to the Subdivisional Officer on the same lines as that of the residents of the area. Was the Secretary or any other Member of the Working Committee of that organization called?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. This Sangham gave a petition and also wanted that the enquiry should be made in the absence of the Adhikari. But, according to the Rules, only if the enquiry takes place in the presence of the Adhikari, action could be taken.

Eriyur Irrigation Scheme

* 2929 *Q*.—SRI N. PARAMASIVA UDAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Eriyur irrigation scheme has been fully investigated;

(*b*) if so, when the scheme will be taken up for execution; and

(*c*) the extent of land that will be irrigated by the scheme?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The plans and estimate are under scrutiny by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation). The question of sanctioning the scheme will be taken up on receipt and examination of the plans and estimate by the Government.

(*c*) About 680 acres.

Scholarships to backward communities

* 2930 *Q*.—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether students belonging to Reddi (Ganjam) community were given residential and non-residential scholarships as backward communities during the academic years 1953–54 and 1954–55 in the present Madras State; and

(*b*) the names of the Districts of these students?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) Four students of Reddi (Ganjam) Community reading in the first year University course and one student in B.V.Sc. course, all belonging to Ramanathapuram district, were granted scholarships during 1954–55. Particulars relating to the years 1953–54 are not available.

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Sir, may I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that Reddiars and Vellala

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Mudaliars who are not eligible for this concession, styling themselves as Ganjam Reddis and Tuluva Vellalars are enjoying the scholarship, thereby depriving the really backward communities of their due share?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, Ganjam Reddis were included in the list of Backward Classes even before the partition. Therefore, they are entitled to the scholarship and the Government are continuing the concession. If there is any case of getting scholarship by misrepresentation of facts, the Government will go into the question and see that such errors do not recur.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Are the Government aware that even though some persons style themselves as Reddis, they say that they belong to the community of Vanniyakula Kshatriya? Will the Government consider that, in spite of the fact that a person may be a Reddi (Ganjam), he may belong to the backward class, though he is a resident of Tamil Nad?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, some Vanniyakula Kshatriyas of the Chingleput district call themselves as Reddis. The question is whether they are really backward classes. If they are backward classes, even if they call themselves as Reddis, they will certainly get the concession, but in the application form it must be clearly stated that they belong to one of the communities specified in the list of backward classes.

SRI T. SHANMUGAM : ஸார், இப்பொழுது கனம் அரங்கநாதன் சொன்னபடி முதலியார்கள் தொளுவ வேளாளர் என்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டு பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்கள் என்ற உரிமை கொண்டாடுகிறார்கள். அப்படியே செட்டியார்கள் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்களாக இல்லாவிட்டாலும் அவர்கள் கஞ்சம் என்று சொல்லிக்கொண்டு சலுகைகளை பெற்றுக்கொள்ளுகிறார்கள். ஆகவே எல்லா இனத்தவர்களும் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்கள் என்று சொல்லிக் கொள்ளுவதாகத் தெரிகிறது. அதனால் பிற்பட்ட இனத்தவர்கள் என்ற லிஸ்டையே எடுத்துவிட்டு ஏழை பணக்காரர்கள் என்று வைத்து ஏழைகளுக்கு மாத்திரம்—அவர்கள் பிராமணர்களாக இருந்தாலும் சரி—அவர் எந்த இனத்தவரைச் சேர்ந்தவராக இருந்தாலும் அவர்களுக்கு இந்தச் சலுகைகளைக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருமா ? அதற்கு என்று ஒரு திட்டம் சர்க்கார் தயாரிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : பாக்வேர்ட் க்ளாஸ் கமிஷன் இப்பொழுது எந்தெந்த வகுப்பைச் சேர்ந்தவர்களை பிற்பட்ட வகுப்பில் சேர்க்கலாம் என்று ஆலோசனை செய்து ரிபோர்ட் தயாரித்துக்கொண்டிருக்கிறது. அந்த ரிபோர்ட் கிடைத்தவுடன் அந்தந்த சமுகத்தினருக்கு எப்படி உபகாரச் சம்பளம் கொடுக்க முடியுமோ அப்படியெல்லாம் கொடுப்பதற்கு தயாராக இருக்கிறார்கள்.

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN : Sir, may I know whether the ultimate object of the Government is to classify the people in the State as rich and poor and the Government's idea is not to help only the poor students?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, the question relates to grant of scholarship to a section of the backward classes who call themselves as Ganjam Reddis. The hon. Member seems

to have put a general question which involves policy. The hon. Members knows, as well as I do, that the Government have granted fee concessions to all students, who are poor, up to III Form.

Malayalam Elementary Schools in Kasargode Range

* 2931 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Malayalam Elementary Schools now functioning in the Range of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, Kasargode;

(*b*) whether any Malayalam knowing Deputy Inspector is now working in the range; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Forty.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Deputy Inspectors in the Kasargode Range know how to speak Malayalam and know a little of Malayalam script. The range is bi-lingual, having both Malayalam and Kannada Schools. Suitable Deputy Inspectors who are fully qualified in both these languages have not been available to be posted to the range.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, even though suitable candidates with bi-lingual proficiency might not have been available, is the bias or accent on Malayalam insisted upon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Hon. Members are aware that during the discussion on the States Re-organization Commission's Report, it was pointed out that there were a large number of Kanarese schools and that there were only two Malayalam schools. Considering that, the bias has to be more on Kanarese than on Malayalam.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the Deputy Inspector who was working in the Hosdrug Range and who knows both the languages has now been posted to Kasargode Range. But, at the same time, the Deputy Inspector who is not familier with Malayalam has been posted to Hosdrug Range where there are one or two Kanarese schools. Will the Government take note of this fact and post a Malayalam-knowing Deputy Inspector to Hosdrug Range?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, it is the aim of the Government to post officers who know the language of the region and the language with which they have to deal if properly qualified persons are available. It may be that for short periods some persons not knowing the language may be functioning, but the object of the Government is always to post officers who know the language.